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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action ("the Office Action") mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 3, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Amendments and Comments to the Drawings begin on page 2, and include an attached replacement sheet.

The listing of claims begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 8.

Amendment to the Drawings:

Formal Figure 46 is amended to include the dimension "X" in conjunction with the two optical fibers shown in the figure.

Comments to the Drawings:

Informal Figure 46 contained an "X" dimension. However, when formal Figure 46 was drafted the "X" dimension was omitted due to clerical error. As such no new matter is added by way of amending formal Figure 46 to include the "X" dimension. A Replacement Sheet for formal Figure 46 is provided as well as an Annotated Sheet showing the addition. Entry of amended Figure 46 is respectfully requested.